

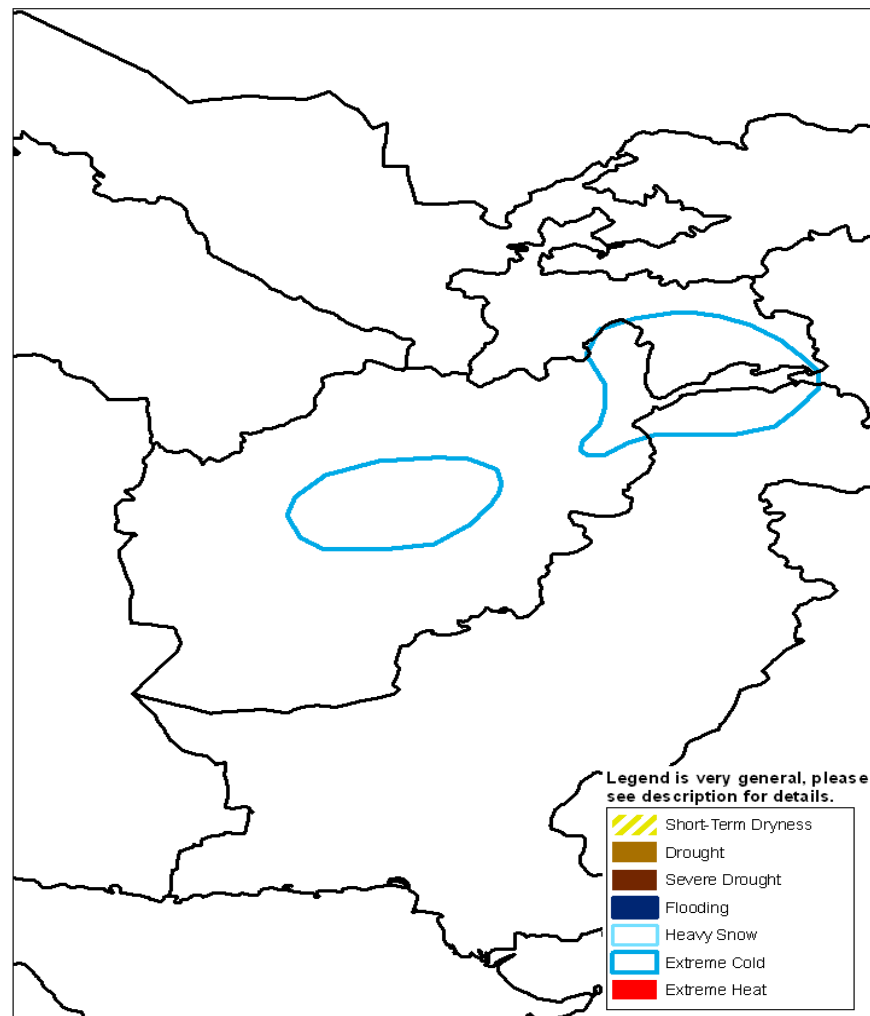
## The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan March 9 - 15, 2011

### Temperatures:

During late February, temperatures averaged much below normal across much of Afghanistan with the largest negative temperatures anomalies in northern Afghanistan. During the next week, temperatures are expected to remain much below normal in the central highlands and northeast mountains. Minimum temperatures are forecast to fall below -20C in these areas.

### Precipitation

Since mid-January, periods of moderate to heavy precipitation have created precipitation surpluses for the winter season. From October 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011, precipitation is 150 to 250 percent of normal across much of the country, according to the USGS. Snow water volume charts from USGS indicate a large increase in water availability across the central highlands and northeast mountains. Mostly dry weather can be expected during the next week. The potential for spring flooding associated with snow melt should be closely monitored later in March and April.



**Note: The Hazards assessment map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.**

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